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SUBJECT: NYERERE, MOBUTU, MICOMBERO MEETING ON BURUNDI-TANZANIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2494 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: NYERERE, MOBUTU, MICOMBERO MEETING ENDED JULY 22 WITH AGREEMENT ON ALL MAJOR QUESTIONS. BURUNDI APOLOGIZED FOR JUNE 29 BORDER INCIDENT WITH TANZANIA. TANZANIAN BOYCOTT OF BURUNDI GOODS ENDS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENTS NYERERE, MOBUTU, AND MICOMBERO BEGAN MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MOBUTU AND MICOMBERO'S ARRIVAL IN DAR ES SALAAM JULY 21. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED NEXT DAY CONTAINS
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FOUR SUBSTANTIVE POINTS: (A) GOB EXPRESSED REGRET TO GOT

FOR INCIDENT OF JUNE 29 IN WHICH 10 TANZANIANS LOST THEIR LIVES AND AGREED TO PAY COMPENSATION; (B) THREE HEADS OF STATE UNDERTOOK TO ENSURE THAT SUCH INCIDENTS DO NOT RECUR; (C) GOT AGREED TO RESTORE NORMAL RELATIONS, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER RELATIONS; WHICH "HAVE EXISTED BETWEEN BURUNDI AND TANZANIA SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL"; AND (D) PRESIDENTS OF BURUNDI AND TANZANIA AGREED TO MEET REGULARLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS IN ORDER TO ENSURE CONTINUANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS.

3. FONMIN DIR. FOR AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS, PAUL RUPIA, WHO HAD IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS, TOLD EMBOFF JULY 23 THAT THREE PRESIDENTS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON ABOVE POINTS AT FIRST MEETING. THIS MEETING WAS ONLY ATTENDED BY THREE LEADERS AND FRENCH INTERPRETER FOR NYERERE. THEY THEN INSTRUCTED THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN FOLLOWUP SESSION TO DRAFT WORDING FOR JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WHEN ZAIREAN AND TANZANIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS REACHED POINT CONCERNING BURUNDI APOLOGY AND COMPENSATION FOR JUNE 29TH INCIDENT, BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER SIMBANANIYE FLATLY REFUSED TO GO ALONG WITH STATEMENT. PRESIDENT MOBUTU, REPORTEDLY ANGRY THAT SESSION WAS TAKING SO LONG, ASKED FOR REPORT FROM ONE OF HIS AIDES ATTENDING SESSION. AFTER RECEIVING REPORT, HE STORMED INTO FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING AND PRACTICALLY DICTATED PARAGRAPH ON APOLOGY. IT WAS LATER SHOWN TO MICOMBERO WHO READILY AGREED. JUDGING BY THIS EPISODE AND PREVIOUS EVIDENCE, RUPIA CONCLUDED THAT CLIQUE OF BURUNDI OFFICIALS LED BY SIMBANANIYE HAS BEEN TRYING TO TAKE HARDER LINE ON PROBLEM THAN MICOMBERO HIMSELF.

4. WHEN ASKED IF TANZANIAN-BURUNDI RELATIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY NORMALIZED, RUPIA REPLIED YES, ADDING, HOWEVER, THERE REMAINS SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEM IN BURUNDI WHICH CONZINUES TO HAVE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR TANZANIA. THESE IMPLICATIONS ARE, OF COURSE, CONTINUING, IF DECREASED, FLOW OF HUTU REFUGEES INTO TANZANIA. THIS MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH BY THREE HEADS OF STATE. NYERERE SAID TANZANIA IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MOVE REFUGEES AWAY FROM BORDER AREA BUT ADDED IT IS UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BE 100 PERCENT EFFECTIVE IN THIS ENDEAVOR. IN ASIDE, NYERERE TURNED TO MOBUTU AND SAID EVEN HIS LARGE ARMY COULD NOT EFFECTIVELY PATROL TANZANIA'S BORDER WITH BURUNDI. FYI: RUPIA NOTED AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT

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IN ORDER TO PROVE TO MICOMBERO TANZANIAN SINCERITY IN PREVENTING HUTU DISSIDENTS FROM MAKING ATTACKS INSIDE BURUNDI, TANZANIA PERMITTED PLANELOAD OF BURUNDI SECURITY OFFICIALS TO ENTER TANZANIA ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO FOR PURPOSE OF DOING UNDERCOVER WORK IN KIGOMA AREA AND IN REFUGEE CAMPS. THROUGHOUT STAY IN TANZANIA, ACCORDING TO RUPIA, THEY WERE UNABLE TO FINGER EVEN ONE LEGITIMATE "REBEL. FOLLOWING RECENT INCIDENTS TANZANIA DURING MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK SENT ALL OF THESE SECURITY

OFFICIALS BACK TO BURUNDI. END FYI.

5. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED IN COMMUNIQUE, THREE LEADERS DISCUSSED INTERNAL SITUATION IN BURUNDI. MOBUTU AND NYERERE INSISTED THIS IS ROOT OF PROBLEM. MICOMBERO REPORTEDLY AGREED AND ADMITTED TO NYERERE AND MOBUTU THAT "SITUATION IS OUT OF CONTROL". NEVERTHELESS, MICOMBERO GAVE IMPRESSION HE WOULD MAKE SERIOUS EFFORT TO RESOLVE INTERNAL PROBLEM.

6. EVENING OF JULY 22 NATIONAL UNION OF TANGANYIKA WORKERS ASKED DOCKWORKERS AT DAR ES SALAAM AND KIGOMA PORTS TO START HANDLING BURUNDI GOODS. EMBASSY HAS BEEN RELIABLY INFORMED THAT DAR ES SALAAM DOCKWORKERS HAVE HEEDDED CALL.

7. MICOMBERO AND MOBUTU DEPARTED DAR ES SALAAM MORNING JULY 22.
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